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### Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board

#### Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council

##### Call to Order

The special meeting of the First Things First – Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board, Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council was held on January 7, 2010 at the Southwest Human Development Center, 2850 North 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85008.

Chair Gottschalk called the meeting to order at approximately 2:08 p.m.

##### Members Present:

Judi Gottschalk, Giff Loda, Ginger Ward, Marilee Dal Pra, Marsha Porter, Susan Wilkins and Dr. Randal Christensen

##### Members Absent:

Joyce Millard Hoie, Theresa Gonzales, Juman Abujbara and Wesley Relf

##### Staff in Attendance:

Michelle Katona, Assistant Director for Regional Councils, Tracey Craig, Regional Manager, Kelley Murphy, Senior Policy Specialist, Tony Zabicki, Financial Analyst and Brenda Tomlin, Regional Coordinator

##### Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Member Porter to adopt the Consent Agenda, second by Member Wilkins. Motion was approved.

##### Call to the Public

None

##### Regional Update

###### Coordinator Position

Tracey Craig, Regional Manager, gave an update to the Regional Council on the status of the Regional Coordinator position. Ms. Craig discussed with the Regional Council the recruitment process and the number of candidates that have submitted applications. A decision was made to form a review panel consisting of; Judi Gottschalk, Chair, Michelle Katona, Assistant Director, Regional Councils, Tracey Craig, Regional Manager and a Regional Coordinator to be named at a later date to review applicants. It was also discussed that this position will post as open until filled.

###### Funding Plan

Ms. Craig, gave an update to the Regional Council on the status of the Funding Plan presentation which will be presented to the State Board on January 26, 2010. Chair Gottschalk appointed Member Dal Pra to represent the Council for this presentation.

##### Announcement

Chair Gottschalk announced that AHCCCS will apply for Federal Grant money and the State Board agreed to sign as a partner on the grant. The grant could have implications for the Central Phoenix Regional Council. Chair Gottschalk also announced that Member Ward will be having the first open house for Raise a Reader on January 8, 2010.

## **Food Box Strategy**

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1s. Craig, Regional Manager, gave an update to the Regional Council on the vendor selection for the Food Box distribution. Three vendors were presented as potential food distributors for the Central Phoenix region. The Regional Council Members discussed allocating additional funds to St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance and Desert Mission with the understanding that the vendors will distribute within the Central Phoenix area. Members of the Regional Council requested that data be provided at the next meeting on the number of Food Boxes being distributed in the Central Phoenix Region. The Regional Council Members also expressed an interest in using the Association of Food Banks as a possible vendor for Strategy 11 for the Fiscal Year 2011. Michelle Katona, Assistant Director for Regional Councils, stated that the First Things First State Board did not allocate funds for Food Boxes for Fiscal Year 2011.

Member Loda moved to expedite and allocate an additional \$250,000 to St. Mary's Food Bank and Desert Mission, seconded by Member Dal Pra. Motion was approved. Member Wilkins and Member Dr. Christensen abstained.

## **2010 Funding Plan**

### **Health Insurance Outreach & Health-E Application**

Michelle Katona, Assistant Director for Regional Councils, gave an overview to the Regional Council of the December 16, 2009 Regional Council meeting. Mrs. Katona stated that during the last meeting Regional Council Members decreased the obligated amount of the Healthy-E Application to \$250,000. Regional Council inquired if mini grant research would be a possibility. Tony Zabicki, Financial Analyst for First Things First, indicated that during the last meeting the Regional Council Members wanted to look at the possibility of awarding between 5 and 10 grants, totaling \$10,000 to \$25,000 each with an aggregate total value of \$250,000. Mr. Zabicki discussed the process involved when creating a grant. Members also discussed what resources are available and needed to assist with the Kids Care enrollment process.

### **Health Coordination**

During the December 16, 2009 Regional Council meeting Member Porter moved to allocate the entire amount of \$1 million to the Fiscal Year 2010 and roll into Fiscal Year 2011 with the six physicians' practices over a 15 month period. Michelle Katona, Assistant Director for Regional Councils, updated the Regional Council that after following-up with Member Dal Pra and Member Dr. Christensen the strategy is on track and moving forward.

### **Physician Training**

During the December 16, 2009 Regional Council meeting Member Porter moved to allocate the \$248,554 unallocated funds to Fiscal Year 2010 and continue with the recommendations of the review committee to roll out the revised RFGA. Mrs. Katona, updated the Regional Council that after following-up with Member Dal Pra the strategy is on track and moving forward.

### **Scholarship Extensions**

Member Porter disclosed a potential conflict regarding the following Strategy and recused.

Mrs. Katona, also indicated that regarding the Emergency Child Scholarship Program during the last meeting the Regional Council approved 1.5 million to be used for 400 to 425 scholarships which would last until May. An additional \$550,000 would be needed to carry current enrollees until June 30, 2010. Mrs. Katona, informed the Regional Council that for Fiscal Year 2010 there will be a carry forward amount of \$1,365,954.

Member Wilkins moved to allocate an additional \$550,000 to the \$1.5 million to maintain 400 to 425 Early Child Scholarships through June 30, 2010, for current enrollees, seconded by Chair Gottschalk. Motion was approved. Member Dr. Christensen abstained and Member Porter abstained.

## **2011 Funding Plan**

### **Family Support Coordination**

Member Porter and Member Ward disclosed a potential conflict regarding the following Strategy and recused.

Member Dal Pra moved to add Family Support Coordination as a new strategy and allocate \$1 million, seconded by Member Dr. Christensen. Motion was approved. Member Porter and Member Ward abstained.

#### Reserve Fund

Member Dr. Christensen moved to keep the remaining \$1 million in a reserve fund that will utilize said funds for direct services providing that additional data supports the expenditure, seconded by Member Loda. Motion was approved.

#### Recap

The Regional Council allocated \$1 million to a new strategy, Family Support Coordination and the remainder to be left as a reserve fund.

The Regional Council requested a Financial Data Summary update report be provided to them for the July Grantees to be presented at the next Council meeting.

#### Needs and Assets

Member Loda disclosed a potential conflict regarding the following Strategy and recused.

Ms. Craig, gave an update regarding the criteria used for vendor selection. Regional Council Members had a brief discussion on the selection process. A motion was made by Member Ward to select MGT of America Partnering with Children's Action Alliance as the vendor for the Needs and Assets, seconded by Member Porter. Motion was approved. Member Loda abstained.

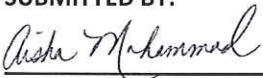
#### Next Meeting

Located at Virginia Piper Charitable Trust, 1202 East Missouri Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85014 on January 27, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

#### Adjourn

There being no further business, Member Porter moved to adjourn meeting at approximately 4:45 p.m., second by Member Dr. Christensen. Motion was approved.

#### **SUBMITTED BY:**




Aisha Muhammad, Administrative Assistant

#### **Approved:**



Tracey Craig, Regional Manager

#### **Council Approval:**



Judy Gottschalk, Chairperson  
Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council